



97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2011 and 2012

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

SC0023

Introduced 3/1/2011, by Sen. Christine Radogno

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 5

Proposes to amend the Legislature Article of the Illinois Constitution. Provides that, except for special sessions, any session days on the date of a general election through the term of a then-current General Assembly must be limited to consideration of pending vetoes, appropriations, and emergency actions. Effective upon being declared adopted.

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3 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL
4 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
5 CONCURRING HEREIN, that there shall be submitted to the
6 electors of the State for adoption or rejection at the general
7 election next occurring at least 6 months after the adoption of
8 this resolution a proposition to amend Article IV of the
9 Illinois Constitution by changing Section 5 as follows:

10 ARTICLE IV
11 THE LEGISLATURE

12 (ILCON Art. IV, Sec. 5)

13 SECTION 5. SESSIONS

14 (a) The General Assembly shall convene each year on the
15 second Wednesday of January. The General Assembly shall be a
16 continuous body during the term for which members of the House
17 of Representatives are elected.

18 (b) The Governor may convene the General Assembly or the
19 Senate alone in special session by a proclamation stating the
20 purpose of the session; and only business encompassed by such
21 purpose, together with any impeachments or confirmation of
22 appointments shall be transacted. Special sessions of the
23 General Assembly may also be convened by joint proclamation of

1 the presiding officers of both houses, issued as provided by
2 law.

3 (c) Sessions of each house of the General Assembly and
4 meetings of committees, joint committees and legislative
5 commissions shall be open to the public. Sessions and committee
6 meetings of a house may be closed to the public if two-thirds
7 of the members elected to that house determine that the public
8 interest so requires; and meetings of joint committees and
9 legislative commissions may be so closed if two-thirds of the
10 members elected to each house so determine.

11 (d) Except for special sessions, any session days on the
12 date of a general election through the term of the then-current
13 General Assembly must be limited to consideration of pending
14 veto, appropriations, and emergency actions.

15 (Source: Illinois Constitution.)

16 SCHEDULE

17 This Constitutional Amendment takes effect upon being
18 declared adopted in accordance with Section 7 of the Illinois
19 Constitutional Amendment Act.